

## MEETING SUMMARY

*Meeting:* Evergreen Visioning Project Task Force

*Date/Time:* April 26, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

*Location:* LeyVa Jr. High School (1865 Monrovia Drive)

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### **Task Force Members Present:**

Daniel Jacobs, Sherry Gilmore, Ike White, Victor Klee, Homing Yip, Garth Cummings, Jim Zito, Chris Corpus, Gordon Lund, Alan Covington, Mark Milioto

### **Developer Community Present:**

Mike Hill, Bo Radanovich

### **Staff Present:**

Council Member Dave Cortese, John Baty, Rabia Chaudhry

The meeting commenced at 7:20 p.m.

### **Introduction**

Council member Dave Cortese explained that the purpose of the Special Task Force meeting was to share the presentation crafted by the Task Force subcommittee on the Saturday following the last Task Force meeting on 4/20.

The Councilman noted that the West Evergreen SNI/NAC meeting on 4/25 went well.

### **Presentation**

Task Force member Jim Zito introduced the PowerPoint presentation as the Task Force's position statement for moving forward.

(See Evergreen website: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/planning/evergreen/presentation.html>)

### **Discussion and Public Comment**

A member of the public asked if the Task Force will be able to have an audience with the City Council?

Task Force member Jim Zito answered that the City Council meeting is a public/open meeting and people have up to two minutes each to speak.

Bea Baechle of the *Evergreen Times* commented that the Mayor's staff has suggested a compromise and asked if the Task Force would be willing to compromise?

Jim Zito suggested that the Task Force would be amenable to subtle modifications that would include input from other districts.

Bea Baechle asked about Council support for the Task Force's proposal noting that eight members of the Council voted against the 4/19 recommendation.

Councilman Dave Cortese suggested that five of the members that voted no are open to change. Councilman Cortese expressed his hope if there was a compromise that it would be consistent with the EVP position.

Bea Baechle asked if Districts Five and Seven have active neighborhood groups.

Councilman Dave Cortese noted that the East Valley/680 and KONA SNI areas are in District 5. Councilman Cortese noted that the McLaughlin and Story corridor areas are only impacted by the update of the Evergreen Development Policy for which boundaries were established 20-years ago. There is no track-record/history of outside districts getting involved directly with district specific projects.

Task Force Member Ike White expressed his disgust with the District 5 Council Office and suggested that a compromise should only be reached after both sides have completely laid out their position.

Councilman Cortese noted that a lot of the concerns raised by the Council were/are addressed.

A member of the public asked about affordable housing requirements.

Councilman Cortese explained that the City's affordable requirement only applies to Redevelopment areas. Arcadia is the only site of the four that has an affordable requirement.

Council member Dave Cortese noted that at this stage in the process we're just trying to kick-off the EIR, not general plan sites. The right time to discuss issues, such as affordable housing, is later.

Mike Hill, Vice Chancellor SJECCD, suggested that we seek clarification on issues and concerns of District 5 and 7 residents and work with those districts toward solutions.

Task Force member Mark Milioto asked how the City Council could save face [if they change their minds or compromise].

Council member Dave Cortese offered that the Council wouldn't say they were wrong. If something new is presented or if the Council has had more time to think about something then it's okay to change one's position.

Task Force member Garth Cummings asked about news accounts that indicate all “goodies” are in District 8 and asked if that was something that needed to be addressed.

Council member Dave Cortese answered that that wasn’t an issue brought up at City Council, added that almost one-half of money would be going into regional 101 improvements and stated that he hasn’t heard if Districts 5 or 7 want some kind of improvements.

Task Force member Jim Zito indicated that if the City Council tabled the 4/19 recommendation for 2 weeks to discuss, that would have been okay, but what the Task Force objects to is a part of the motion that was approved was to scrap the EVP Task Force and develop a new specific plan task force.

Task Force member Alan Covington noted that the Task Force has not made a point of the improvements that would result from this project that would have benefits beyond District 8/regionally.

Task Force member Daniel Jacobs asked if the EVP EIR would study traffic beyond the Pleasant Hills Golf Course?

Jim Zito noted that the EIR would study over 90 signalized intersections as well as numerous non-signalized intersections.

Council member Dave Cortese suggested adding some graphics to the Task Force’s PowerPoint presentation to add a little extra “punch”.

A member of the Public asked if the Task Force’s presentation would be available on the Evergreen website.

After conferring with staff, Jim Zito answered that the presentation should be available the next day.

Carol Ashman asked Councilman Cortese how much feedback have the City Council received?

Councilman Cortese answered that his office has seen indications that Council Offices have received a good volume of public feedback. Councilman Cortese noted that tailored messages have an especially good effect. Councilman Cortese offered an anecdote of one council district office responding to a phone call that they were not interested in land use decisions outside of their district.

Council member Cortese indicated that he would work hard to achieve compromise, but still needs 6 votes. He explained that citizens and Task Force members showing up to City Council meetings will make it hard for the City Council to dismiss the work of the Task Force.

A member of the public asked if there was a limit to the number of speakers from the community at the City Council meeting.

Councilman Cortese answered if the Council/Mayor knows a large group wants to speak, ahead of time the Mayor can limit the total speaking time making a smaller amount of time for individuals.

Bea Baechle asked if Council member Cortese would meet with District 5 and the Mayor before the 5/3 meeting?

Councilman Cortese answered that he would likely have several conversations with District 5 and the Mayor before Tuesday and would keep-up the conversation until Tuesday.

Task Force member Mark Milioto asked how to determine where on the agenda the item would be heard?

Councilman Cortese responded that Rabia and Kerynn will confirm the agenda.

Bo Radanovich and Mike Hill expressed that they were hopeful and encouraged that the Mayor and Dave had had a conversation.

Task Force member Alan Covington asked how realistic is it for the Task Force to be able to give a 10-minute presentation by proxy?

Council member Dave Cortese answered that a deal could be made.

A member of the public asked if a member of the community could yield time to others?

Councilman Cortese indicated that the Mayor usually doesn't allow it.

Task Force member Ike White announced that on Monday there would be a regular monthly meeting of the Pleasant Hills Neighborhood Association. A portion of the meeting would be an update on EVP. The association would be hosting the VTA on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Task Force member Jim Zito announced that the VTA Board meeting would be on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Council member Dave Cortese introduced Kathleen Collins from Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren's office.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.